

## Benchmarking Opinion against the Knowledge Base and Competencies of the European Diploma in Optometry for Hyderabad University

This provisional opinion is based on the Panel's analysis of the documents supplied and on discussions with the University

Knowledge Base	Knowledge base for European Diploma competencies
Clinical/Practical competencies	Clinical/practical European Diploma competencies
	Provisional Opinion: <b>Satisfactory</b>
	Provisional Opinion: <b>Some weaknesses</b>
	Provisional Opinion: <b>Inadequate</b>

PART A: Optical Technology

European Diploma Examination Sections	Self-Assessment Document Competency Areas	Provisional Opinion	
Part A  Optics Optical Technology	Subject 1: Geometrical Optics		
	Subject 2: Physical Optics		
	Subject 3: Visual Optics		
	Subject 5: Optical Appliances		
	Subject 6: Occupational Optics		
	Subject 5: Optical appliances		No evidence of when and where this takes place
	Subject 6: Occupational Optics		No evidence of when and where this takes place

PART B: Management of Visual Problems

European Diploma Examination Sections	Self-Assessment Document Competency Areas	Provisional Opinion	
Part B Refraction Binocular Vision Contact lenses Visual Perception	Subject 4: Visual Perception		
	Subject 7: Vision and Ageing		
	Subject 8: Refraction		The theoretical aspects require a written assessment
	Subject 9: Low Vision		
	Subject 10: Ocular Motility and Binocular Vision		
	Subject 11: Contact Lenses		

Subject 12: Investigative Techniques		The theoretical aspects require a written assessment
Subject 13: Paediatric Optometry		
Subject 14: Refractive Surgery		How are the theoretical aspects assessed?
Subject 8: Refraction		What training and supervision do the assessing optometrists have? What is recorded in the log book and what are the assessment criteria
Subject 9: Low Vision		This is a competency, more detail is needed about assessment
Subject 10: Ocular Motility and Binocular Vision		As for subject 9
Subject 11: Contact Lenses		As for subject 9
Subject 12: Investigative Techniques		As for subject 9

	Subject 13: Paediatric Optometry		As for subject 9
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C: General Health and Ocular Anatomy

European Diploma	Self-Assessment Document	Provisional Opinion	
Examination Sections	Competency Areas		
Part C 1. Biology 2. Ocular Biology 3. Ocular Abnormality	Subject 12: Investigative Techniques		This is knowledge based, there is no theoretical examination
	Subject 15: Anatomy and Histology		
	Subject 16: Neuroscience		Not completed
	Subject 17: General Physiology and Biochemistry		
	Subject 18: Microbiology and Immunology		
	Subject 19: General Pharmacology		The scope and balance of general pharmacology and ocular pharmacology and the use of diagnostic and other drugs in optometric practice
	Subject 20: Pathology and General Medical disorders		

Subject 21: Epidemiology and Biostatistics		
Subject 22: Ocular Anatomy and Physiology		
Subject 23: Ocular Pharmacology		As for subject 19
Subject 24: Abnormal Ocular Conditions		This seems to be a general familiarity list rather than imparting specific and essential knowledge. The number of credits does not reflect the level of teaching needed.
Subject 12: Investigative Techniques		What training and supervision do the assessing optometrists have? What is recorded in the log book and what are the assessment criteria
Subject 14: Refractive Surgery		What training and supervision do the assessing optometrists have? What is recorded in the log book and what are the assessment criteria
Subject 24: Abnormal Ocular Conditions		What training and supervision do the assessing optometrists have? What is recorded in the log book and what are the assessment criteria